



Board of Transportation Safety

Meeting Minutes

02/02/12

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VDOT, General Assembly, Richmond, Virginia

Chair: Dave Rhodes

Recording Secretary:

Audrey Odum

Board Members Present: Dave Rhodes, Walter Yeatts, Bruce Wingo, Charles Quillin
Richard Baugh, Tom McGrath

Board Members Absent: Ken Butler, Rebecca Martin, Paulette Benson, Curtis Carr

DMV Staff: David Mitchell, Audrey Odum, Angelisa Jennings
Eula Moore-Anderson, Bruce Biondo, Kimberley Burt

Special Guest(s): Bill Naff – NHTSA Regional Program Manager

Chair Dave Rhodes called meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. The Chair recognized Bill Naff with NHTSA. Chair Rhodes acknowledged his first meeting as the new Chair along with Charlie Quillin, Vice-Chair and thanked the Board for their confidence in him and Vice-Chair Charlie Quillin. He also recognized the possible dissolution of the Board and indicated the importance of moving forward as charged until the final decision is announced.

DMV Deputy Commissioner and Secretary to the Board David Mitchell offered remarks on behalf of Commissioner Holcomb and also recognized the Board for the job they do.

Public Comment - None

Board Business

Chair Dave Rhodes asked Secretary to the Board, David Mitchell to call roll. Representation was not sufficient for a quorum.

Chair Dave Rhode advised Board that all items requiring an approval will be deferred to future meeting. (Board minutes, grants needing recommendations for approval, etc.)

Secretary Mitchell mentioned that Angelisa Jennings would be addressing past action item(s) during her crash stats update:

Board requested if motorcycle data could be received from other states in order to compare fatalities for those states not having a motorcycle helmet law vs. Virginia's mandatory law (including head injury fatalities)

Secretary David Mitchell provided a brief overview of current legislation.

Bill Naff, Regional Program Manager for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), provided a brief update on Region III's priorities. Mr. Naff also furnished a biography on NHTSA's new Judicial Outreach Liaison, Judge Neil Edward Axel.

Standing Reports

Angelisa Jennings provided an overview of Virginia crash statistics.

Ms. Jennings advised the Board that other states have not conducted an analysis on motorcycle fatalities (brain injuries vs. torso injuries). Ms. Jennings updated the Board on what areas of data she was able to obtain for Virginia.

Action: Board member Tom McGrath requested follow-up e-mail on motorcycle data.

Action: Board member Walter Yeatts requested data on fatalities involving fixed object crashes for age group 21- 29 for 2011.

Eula Moore-Anderson provided an updated financial report.

New Business from Floor

Secretary David Mitchell briefed the Board on grant increase request from Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Previously Board was updated on this grant request for Special Emphasis Alcohol-Selective Enforcement. This grant was still pending due to ongoing review by staff to ensure that the locality has adequate grant controls in place. This issue has been resolved and staff recommended that the county be allowed to purchase 3 new radar units to provide speed enforcement. Update will be brought back to Board at future meeting.

Chair Dave Rhodes requested members to serve on various other committees:

Awards Committee – Rebecca Martin will serve as Chair with members Paulette Benson and Kenneth Butler. Tom McGrath and then Bruce Wingo will serve as alternates.

Allocations Committee - Vice-Chair to the Board, Charlie Quillin will Chair with members Richard Baugh and Kermit Shaffer. Walter Yeatts will serve as alternate.

Presentation

Marisa Harris with Virginia's Alcoholic Beverage Control provided a brief overview of their College Tour program.

Dr. Michel Aboutanos and Christi Adams, both with Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center, provided a brief overview of their GR-ACY program.

Both presentations covered alcohol choices and consequences for youth and receive FY12 grant funding.

Dates of Future Meetings

April 2012 – Tentative Awards Committee Meeting

May 17, 2012 – Allocations Committee Meeting

June 21, 2012 – FY13 Grant Review (Full Board)

June TBD – Awards Ceremony

Meeting Adjourned